

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS:
July 14-15, 2018

Many thanks to all who attended and participated at our FIRST Town Hall/Listening Session that was held last Wednesday, July 11th. If you missed this one you still have ONE last chance to attend and participate. The last **Town Hall/Listening Session** that we will have will be on **Saturday, July 21st from 9 AM to 12 noon** (meals provided). Please seriously consider attending this meeting! Thank you.

This weekend, we will be hosting the **Annual Missionary Cooperation Appeal** to help our brothers and sisters working in the "peripheries of the world" preach the Good News and give witness to our faith. This year, the Mission Coop Appeal will be for the Rogationist Fathers, a group of men religious. Please warmly welcome their representative to us who will be celebrating and preaching at all the masses, and thank you in advance for your generous support of his appeal.

This week, I will be out of town attending St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology Conference/Retreat in West Virginia. It's time for me to spiritually re-charge my soul and spirit. Please pray for me and my brother priests who will be gathered together in prayer and studies. Thank you.

I've heard of a story a long time ago about a Monastery for men that had long been suffering with a shortage on new recruits. The old monks were dying one after another and the remaining younger ones were stretched to the limits. In one of their community meetings, they explored the possibilities on how to recruit and attract more members to their community. One of the monks suggested that they seek the advice of an old hermit who lives in a cave up the mountain, who was renowned for his wisdom. So one of the younger monks volunteered to go up the mountain and seek the hermit's advice.

After weeks of absence, the young monk came back exhausted and seemingly bewildered. All the monks gathered around him with excitement to find out what the old and wise hermit have to say. The young monk said that when he inquired on what to do regarding the dwindling number of their members, the hermit simply said, *'the Christ is one of you.'*" All the monks kept asking the young monk what does this mean, but the he only repeated what the hermit said over and over again.

When the monks went to bed that evening, the words of hermit kept ringing in their ears, *"the Christ is one of you."* They all knew and believed that the Christ will come and return again. But "when," nobody knows!

Not knowing what it means but more importantly who IT IS, and not wanting to take any chances of being caught off-guard should indeed one of them IS the Christ, each monk started treating each brother monk -- young and old, nice and mean -- nicely, reverently and lovingly. Days, weeks and months passed and the outsiders who saw and encountered the members of this small dying community loving and caring for each other, started coming to their monastery. All who saw them were impressed not only for the respect the monks gave to each other, but more so, for the love they freely shared. Soon afterwards, men of all ages and from all walks of life started joining the monastery and their numbers started to grow. This was all possible because the monks treated each other as IF that person is the Christ; and when they did, Christ indeed, was among them!

Question: How would you act and behave IF Jesus Christ is right next to you? What IF Christ is one of us?

Father Vic



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Truth shall spring out of the earth,
And justice shall look down from
heaven.

-Psalm 85:12

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Prayer for Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude; you are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a storm less eternity awaits us. Amen



Amber Zorn & Robert Eichhorn (1)

St. Anne Novena

The annual Novena in Honor of St. Anne will begin July 17 at 6:30 P.M. at the Calvary Grotto Shrine in St. Joseph's Cemetery with a mass followed by prayers and meditation. Thereafter, prayer and meditation will begin each day at 6:30 P.M. The novena will close on July 26 at 6:30 P.M. Mass at St. Joseph Cemetery.

All are invited to attend.

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TRIPARISH COMMUNITY PHARMACY

The St. Vincent de Paul TriParish Community Pharmacy is in need of volunteer pharmacists and pharmacy techs. The volunteer commitment is generally one morning every four to six weeks. The pharmacy is in operation on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 9-11AM If you would like to volunteer, please contact the pharmacy at 985-872-2253.

Men's Cursillo Weekend

August 9-12, 2018 www.htcursillo.weebly.com

The Cursillo Movement is a wonderful opportunity to deepen and to enhance ones' Catholic faith. Cursillo serves to foster a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and to strengthen the bonds of communion and community in the Church. It is a blessing to have the Cursillo Movement present here in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux! + SJF

MISSION APPEAL FOR THE ROGATIONIST FATHERS

This Weekend

I am Fr. Francisco Javier Flores López, rcj, a Catholic priest who belongs to the Congregation of the Rogationist Fathers of the Heart of Jesus. Our religious community was founded in 1897, in Sicilia, Italia by Saint Hannibal Mary Di Francia. He also founded a female community, the Daughters of Divine Zeal, Rogationists (1887). Our father founder saw the need of obtaining from God more holy workers in the Church and in our world. He did not know how to do this until he found a solution in Mathew 9, 37 and Luke 10, 2 where he read, "*The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.*" He listened to Jesus in the Gospel and he obeyed to this imperative from Jesus himself. Since then, he prayed for vocations to the Church, he became a holy priest and instilled in everyone this dire need of praying for vocations of all types, especially for holy priests and religious men and women. He did this among the poorest of the poor. He saw Jesus in the needy and taught his disciples and future collaborators to live and work among the poor teaching them how to know God, how to pray for vocations and how to make a living in an honest and simple manner. He saw the need to humanize and evangelize the poor and all he was meeting in his life without discriminating any body. Nowadays, the presence of the Congregations is all over the world. We work in parishes, schools, abroad in mission areas, seminaries, instilling in everyone the charism of the *ROGATE* (to pray begging to God for holy vocations).

I myself am living and working in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico. I am in charge of our formation house or seminary where we follow ten seminarians who are studying Philosophy.

I will be sharing with you our Rogationist charism and what we do worldwide, especially what we are doing in Mexico.

May God bless you and keep you save and sound!

"The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest" (Mt. 9, 35-37).

In Christ,

Fr. Francisco Javier Flores López, rcj

Lord Teach Me To Pray August 4, 2018

St. Pius X Parish will host a Facilitator Training-Retreat for the "Lord Teach Me To Pray" (LTMTTP) prayer series. There is no charge. It will be conducted in a retreat setting and discernment atmosphere. Come & discern if God is calling you to become a facilitator! Or, if you are simply interested in finding out more about Ignatian Prayer and the LTMTTP series. For more info 504-439-5933 or carolweiler@cox.net. Download registration form www.lordteachmetoprayer.com